

CGA Minutes 10-03-2013

Members present: Niko, Taylor, Aaron, Ethan, David, Angelica, Ryan

## UPDATES:

Taylor: We should have our next Green Fee workshop before winter break. I'm pretty sure we've always had two, right?

Niko: Yeah. That would probably mean three, we probably want to have another one before the deadline. But I'm down to do one before that. Yeah, any brief or not brief updates?

David: I have a small update for the compost. The little tin that covers the composter got bent out of shape with the rain. We're using a tarp to cover it for now but I'm thinking of creating a low cost solution by putting 4x4 post around the compost site and putting screws in to put a tarp around them, so that we only have to replace the tarp.

Niko: I have a discretionary, which we can use to make something that lasts instead of a temporary shelter.

David: I'll find out how much 4x4 wood I need and how much that costs and I'll bring that next week probably. I don't think it'll be too much.

Niko: There was a bald eagle that was chilling outside B-dorm today. Not important but really cool. It was being chased by hawks. It was like shrieking. It was so cool. But I've also been preoccupied with the police situation so I haven't been able to put as much effort into this as I would like. That's my updates.

Angelica: Is Green Fee workshop follow up an agenda item or an update? I submitted an agenda item. Also, Ham plate update. We have 95 plates out of 120. We have more in boxes in the back not being used, but we've already lost 25 plates.

Niko: That's pathetic. I don't understand what's happening to them. Maybe we can put permanent signs on trash cans and the doors so when people are leaving Ham, they can see the signs.

Angelica: Yeah, Anna is supposed to be using marketing and I think we can work with her for that.

Niko: Would you like to ask her about that?

Angelica: Yeah. I have a feeling that if we can't keep these plates in Ham, we might not have reusable plates. I know Jerry for once is like, guys this keeps happening. This happens faster every time.

David: I think the only way to keep plates is to really aggressively tackle people.

Niko: For now I might just print out some signs in the mac lab and put them up.

Angelica: I think for the most part people are just taking them back to the room and using them as plates for the dorm.

Aaron: Other colleges I've been to that have reusable plates - it's less of a problem for them because they only have one entrance or exit to the cafeteria, whereas in Ham it's so open.

Angelica: Yeah. There's a lot of ways you can leave Ham and totally forget that you have a plate. We can't fix that though.

Niko: Well I'm gonna print out mad signs. What about the recycling bins, though?

Angelica: I noticed that the bins closer to the boar's head, you find that the trash doesn't have any recycling in it, but if you get towards the silo, sometimes people will drink their drink and just throw out recyclables. I saw like two or three, which isn't a lot but over a bunch of days really adds. Even just one recycling bin over there will help alleviate that problem.

Niko: You can probably just move the recycling bin over there and no one would move it back. You should just move it.

Angelica: Cause I saw that and was like, this isn't a big problem but it's one of those things.

Ryan: Bikes are now in circulation. We have like five of them with locks. The new lights are not installed yet. I'm either gonna spend an extra couple days during or the week after fall break getting all the lights + baskets on and have everything up and running and work out any kinks in the system.

Niko: I'll be here fall break, I can help you with stuff.

## **AGENDA**

Niko: Following up for green fee workshop. We have a lot of cool projects here but some things we mentioned don't cost money. Those things are - there are a lot of things we should think about now even if they do cost money, like horticulture, so we should definitely stop thinking about that. Relay rides don't cost anything. If it's something we might wanna do we could send out a survey for it.

Ryan: That's what I'll do. I'll do either a survey or a forum post. If that doesn't work, I'll probably do a survey and try to gauge demand and go back if the forum post doesn't work. That's on my

fall break list.

Niko: So there's that stuff. And I think generally when we're thinking about recycling bins, it probably would cost to do a project but I think a lot of the work is figuring out if we wanna redo the recycling system to figure out...

Angelica: I was looking at the Sarasota website and from what i could discern, it seems like it's paper and then all other recyclables, so it's two-stream. Cardboard and paper. I looked at it and it said it was the same for everything, so I'm assuming our school would be the same as well.

David: I'm going to physical plant in the next couple days to figure out how much we pay for waste removal, so why I'm there I'll try to ask them exactly how our waste is divided and how recycling is handled as well.

Niko: It seems like this is the fifth time you've asked and they've never given you a straight answer. So I also made a list of other things that we talked about that might be substantial infrastructural improvements and send it to Physical Plant. Solar panels at Ham, AC updates in Pei, switching outdoor lighting, rainwater collection, more efficient irrigation, recycling bin stuff. Everything else I don't think Physical Plant is quite involved in.

Aaron: I'm curious about the rainwater collection, is there more description to that?

Taylor: The girl who wrote it down said she envisioned barrels.

Niko: I think the most sensible way we can use it is at the Caples garden. I think somebody also mentioned underground rainwater collection, but that's like a big deal.

David: Mike Williams came in, he had a brochure for groundwater collection systems he was hoping to put in.

Niko: Do you know anything about the cost of that?

David: I can go back and ask him.

Ethan: That's something to ask the landscape committee. There's not a lot of things here that are irrigated.

Niko: Do you want to also talk to him about acquiring trees?

Ethan: Yeah, that's on my list.

Niko: So I don't know if there are any specific projects people are interested in. I'm personally interested in solar trash compactors. So I might start looking into those, but i also have on the

list things like maturation bins, we could definitely do that. And then there's also the uhaul car program. I emailed them and they haven't gotten back to me yet. Are there other specific projects people are interested in.

Aaron: I'm interested in the light pollution project.

Niko: OK, cool. Anybody else?

Ethan: Trees for me.

Taylor: What light pollution?

Niko: It involved changing our outdoor lighting to make it more efficient and directed at the ground.

Taylor: OK, because I encountered several parents who said they think the campus is too dark.

Niko: Yeah, it just means the light would be directed downwards, not less.

Ethan: I was gonna respond to that - I think the Bayfront campus has had a problem keeping lights on when they're supposed to go on, but I think that's fixed now.

Niko: Ethan, I remember reading in one of the old climate action plans that they looked at the feasibility of changing lighting but I'm gonna send you that so you can look into it. Any other stuff?

Angelica: Didn't Dylan say he originally wanted to do the recycling overhaul? I remember that. I don't want to take it, I can work with him if he's still interested. I don't wanna put it forth if he didn't actually say that though.

David: I think he did.

Taylor: I would peg him as a recycling guy.

Niko: I wanted to mention that we need to do one more round of compost bin distribution over fall break. Hopefully this will be the last round.

*discussion about when fall break inspections will happen  
also discussion about inspections*

Niko: I guess we'll just do a lot of compost bin distributing. And hopefully this will be the last time. We can yell at Tracy if it's not.

Angelica: You should also send out an email about that because not all members are here and I'm sure some of them would be willing to help.

Niko: Alright, cool, anything else?

Nope.

Meeting adjourned.